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PROJECT CEASEFIRE **12 FELONS, DRUG USERS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 12 area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. The indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Scott L. Sanders**, 47, of Harrisonville, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Sanders**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Springfield 20-gauge shotgun on Aug. 22, 2005. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Sanders** also was in possession of 21 rounds of Winchester 20-gauge shotgun shells on Aug. 22, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Cass County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Waylon L. Anders**, 23, of Unionville, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Anders**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Marlin .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle on Oct. 21, 2004. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Anders** also was in possession of 53 rounds of Remington cartridges on Oct. 21, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any

felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Christopher S. Scruggs**, 40, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Scruggs**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver on Sept. 13, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Kenneth E. Davis**, 44, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Davis**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Remington 12-gauge shotgun on Aug. 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Alvin J. Kimmi**, 50, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Kimmi**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Charter Arms .38-caliber revolver on Feb. 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Frank W. Lewis**, 26, of Columbia, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Lewis**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a F & L Fabrica de Armas .38-caliber revolver on July 2, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **John W. Butler**, 33, of Ridgeway, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Butler**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a Marlin 30-30 rifle on Aug. 21, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Holt, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Shane G. Rowland**, 36, of Belton, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rowland**, having a previous felony conviction, illegally possessed a J.P. Sauer and Sohn .357-caliber revolver on Aug. 18, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **David G. Yankee**, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being a subject of a valid court order illegally in possession of two firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Yankee**, a subject of a valid court order of protection, illegally possessed a Remington 20-gauge shotgun and a Winchester .22-caliber rifle on June 16, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any subject of a court order to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Deron L. Williams**, 20, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Williams** was an unlawful user of crack cocaine in possession of a Davis Industries .380-caliber pistol on Aug. 11, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Arthur F. Waldrep**, 47, of Laredo, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Waldrep** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine while also in possession of a Norinco SKS rifle on April 27, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Grundy County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **John J. Andrade**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of two firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Andrade** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine while also in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver and a Coast to Coast .410-gauge shotgun on Aug. 26, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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